

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor device comprising:
a semiconductor substrate; and
5 a dielectric film including a porous film and a non-porous film in contact therewith formed on said semiconductor substrate;
wherein said porous film and said non-porous film are substantially of an identical composition.
2. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
10 said non-porous film is disposed on top of said porous film.
3. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said dielectric film is formed by CVD.
4. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein an average diameter of pores contained in the porous portion is
15 not less than 1 nm.
5. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pores are distributed in a relatively lower density in the proximity of an upper surface of said dielectric film.
6. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 1, wherein
20 a metal interconnect is provided in said dielectric film, such that an upper surface of said metal interconnect and that of said dielectric film are aligned in a same plain.
7. A semiconductor device comprising:
a semiconductor substrate; and
25 a dielectric film including a porous film and a non-porous

film in contact therewith formed on said semiconductor substrate;

wherein said porous film and said non-porous film both contain Si, O and C.

8. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 7, wherein
5 said non-porous film is disposed on top of said porous film.

9. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said dielectric film is formed by CVD.

10. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 7, wherein an average diameter of pores contained in the porous
10 portion is not less than 1 nm.

11. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 7, wherein said pores are distributed in a relatively lower density in the proximity of an upper surface of said dielectric film.

12. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 7,
15 wherein a metal interconnect is provided in said dielectric film, such that an upper surface of said metal interconnect and that of said dielectric film are aligned in a same plain.

13. A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate; and

20 a dielectric film having a substantially uniform composition including a porous portion;

wherein pores in said porous portion are distributed in a relatively lower density either in the proximity of an upper surface or in the proximity of a lower surface of said dielectric
25 film.

14. The semiconductor device as set forth in Claim 13, wherein said pores are distributed in a relatively lower density in the proximity of an upper surface of said dielectric film.

15. The semiconductor device as set forth in any of Claim 5 13, wherein a metal interconnect is provided in said dielectric film, such that an upper surface of said metal interconnect and that of said dielectric film are aligned in a same plain.

16. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

10 forming a dielectric layer on a semiconductor substrate by forming a porous film and forming thereon a non-porous film having a substantially same composition as said porous film; selectively removing a portion of said dielectric film to form a recess;

15 forming a metal layer so as to fill said recess; and performing either polishing or etch-back of said metal layer to an extent that said porous film is not exposed, to remove said metal layer formed outside said recess.

17. The method as set forth in Claim 16, wherein said forming 20 said dielectric film includes forming said dielectric film in an integrated process without taking said substrate out of a CVD deposition chamber; and employing a deposition gas containing a template during a process of forming a porous portion of said dielectric film and employing a deposition gas not substantially 25 containing a template during a process of forming a non-porous

portion of the same.

18. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

forming a dielectric layer on a semiconductor substrate
5 by forming a porous film containing Si, O and C and forming thereon
a non-porous film containing Si, O and C;

selectively removing a portion of said dielectric film to
form a recess;

forming a metal layer so as to fill said recess; and
10 performing either polishing or etch-back of said metal
layer to an extent that said porous film is not exposed, to remove
said metal layer formed outside said recess.

19. The method as set forth in Claim 18, wherein said forming
said dielectric film includes forming said dielectric film in
15 an integrated process without taking said substrate out of a CVD
deposition chamber; and employing a deposition gas containing
a template during a process of forming a porous portion of said
dielectric film and employing a deposition gas not substantially
containing a template during a process of forming a non-porous
20 portion of the same.

20. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device
comprising forming a porous-structured dielectric film having
a substantially uniform composition on a semiconductor
substrate; wherein said forming said dielectric film includes
25 controlling a deposition condition to vary a density of pores.

21. The method as set forth in Claims 20, wherein said forming said dielectric film includes performing CVD process and changing a deposition gas to vary a density of pores.

22. The method as set forth in Claim 20, wherein said forming
5 said dielectric film includes controlling a deposition condition such that said pores are distributed in a relatively lower density in the proximity of an upper surface of said dielectric film.

23. The method as set forth in Claim 20, wherein said forming
10 said dielectric film includes forming said dielectric film in an integrated process without taking said substrate out of a CVD deposition chamber; and employing a deposition gas containing a template during a process of forming a porous portion of said dielectric film and employing a deposition gas not substantially containing a template during a process of forming a non-porous
15 portion of the same.

24. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:

forming a dielectric film on a semiconductor substrate by forming a first film containing a template and forming a second
20 film not containing a template in this sequence;

selectively removing a portion of said dielectric film to form a recess; and

performing heat treatment on said first film to decompose or remove said template, thereby forming a porous structure in
25 said dielectric film.

25. The method as set forth in Claim 24, further comprising :
forming a metal layer so as to fill said recess; and
performing either polishing or etch-back of said metal
layer until a surface of said dielectric film is exposed, to remove
5 said metal layer formed outside said recess.

26. The method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said forming
said dielectric film includes forming said dielectric film in
an integrated process without taking said substrate out of a CVD
deposition chamber; and employing a deposition gas containing
10 a template during a process of forming a porous portion of said
dielectric film and employing a deposition gas not substantially
containing a template during a process of forming a non-porous
portion of the same.